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Dear Commissioner:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Please note that the references listed on Form PTO/SB/08 were cited in an Office Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office on December 1, 2009 in co-pending Japanese Application Number 2004-524951, a copy of which is submitted herewith. Copies of any foreign patent or non-patent literature documents are enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

An English abstract has been provided for non-English language patent references when available. No English abstract or translation is readily available for foreign reference 3 listed on form PTO/SB/08, JP 2-116016 U, and has therefore not been provided. This reference is patent 4 cited in the Japanese Office Action submitted herewith.

Please note that foreign reference JP 9-189321 A cited in the Japanese Office Action corresponds to US Patent 5,722,036 which is of record in the above-referenced application. Foreign reference JP 10-184655 A cited in the Japanese Office Action corresponds to US Patent 6,027,784 which is of record in this patent application.

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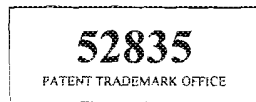
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